

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2007

Live births decreased slightly in January as 6,437 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,488 in January 2006. However, cumulative births increased the last two years. The provisional 2006 birth count of 81,354 was the highest since 1964.

Deaths decreased in January as 4,821 Missouri-ans died compared with 5,009 one year earlier. Cumulative deaths have not changed dramatically the last few years.

The **Natural increase** in January was 1,616 (6,437 births minus 4,821 deaths). The provisional 2006 natural increase of 26,878 was the highest since 1982.

Marriages increased slightly in January, but decreased for the cumulative 12-month period ending with January. The 2006 provisional marriage rate of 6.9 per 1,000 population was the lowest ever recorded since Missouri began collecting statewide marriage records in 1950.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in January but increased for the 12 months ending with January. The marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.91 to 1.82 for the 12 months ending with January.

The **Infant death** rate decreased slightly for the 12 months ending with January from 7.5 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2006</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	6,488	6,437	13.1	12.9	77,506	78,947	81,303	13.5	13.4	13.6	13.9	81,354	13.9	
Deaths	5,009	4,821	10.1	9.7	53,145	54,604	54,288	9.7	9.2	9.4	9.3	54,476	9.3	
Natural increase	1,479	1,616	3.0	3.2	24,361	24,343	27,015	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.6	26,878	4.6	
Marriages	1,543	1,583	3.1	3.2	40,814	40,467	40,312	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.9	40,272	6.9	
Dissolutions	1,763	1,627	3.6	3.3	21,640	21,228	22,092	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8	22,228	3.8	
Infant deaths	50	48	7.7	7.5	597	592	597	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.3	599	7.4	
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,840	5,880	...	...	...	5,722	5,763	5,803	5,843	...	5,840

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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